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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed January 2, 2003 (Paper No. 7), please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate), with appropriate fee (b) Exhibit A; and (c) Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.

**Please amend the application as follows:**

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following paragraph:

C! This application is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 09/591,316, filed June 9, 2000 (now abandoned), which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety, which is a continuation-in-part of, and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of copending PCT international patent application Serial No. PCT/US99/29950 filed December 16, 1999 (published in English), which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/113,006